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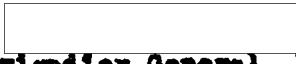
Dear Mr. Engelmann:

Your letter of 23 May 1947 to the Director of Central Intelligence was referred to me by Admiral Hillenkoetter, as of primary interest to the Office of Operations.

Although our Documents Branch has hitherto been concerned with the exploitation of captured documents of Far Eastern origin only, we are planning to extend our activities into the European field. We expect to take over certain War Department sections which have been exploiting captured German and Russian documents for the type of intelligence information to which you refer in your letter.

In view of the desirability of coordinating our plans for the utilization of these German sources with the work which is already in progress in Op 29D, I should be very pleased if you could come over and discuss the matter with a representative of this Office and the Chief, Documents Branch. An interview will be arranged at your convenience. I should also be interested in seeing a copy of your latest report "Espionage - Sabotage - Conspiracy - German and Russian Operations 1940-1945". The report has been received by GIC, but a second copy would be appreciated by Documents Branch.

Sincerely yours,


Brigadier General, USA

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To
Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter :

Op 29 D, in charge of captured German Naval Archives, has just published a report "Espionage - Sabotage - Conspiracy. German and Russian Operations 1940 to 1945". This is one of a series of three reports based on captured documents. The first, "German Naval Intelligence", was published six months ago; the final report dealing with "Russo-German Naval Relations 1926 to 1941" is now being finished. As they become available, the reports are forwarded to CIG.

These reports were prepared by me for Op 29 D; this may show you how my work has progressed since the time when you authorized my transfer to BuPers and introduced my first lectures.

The present work has demonstrated possibilities of utilizing German sources for information on the U.S.S.R. In particular, such sources are captured documents, PW interrogations, and ex-intelligence officers or police officials available for interview. However, what has been done so far in this field is not sufficient for the securing of accurate and complete information. The sources have not yet been properly identified, much less coordinated.

The situation has been discussed with Capt. Krause (Op 29 D) as well as with Capt. Espe. Yet this project transcends the scope of any one branch or agency. Furthermore, much of the information that can be expected will be of political, economic, and strategic, rather than operational value. The matter thus appears to be primarily a CIG subject.

Accurate identification and functional coordination of all German sources on Russia, together with a determination of primary targets may well require a new top-level policy. For this reason, and with the concurrence of Op 29 D, I thought it best to address you directly and request an interview.

Very sincerely yours,

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